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Dear Member,

The time is currently 8pm on the Monday before Albacon. I have just received a phone call from Harlan Ellison. He is deeply upset at having to make the call, but pressure of work, coupled with 'flu has led him to the point of total exhaustion. He has to get "The Last Dangerous Visions" to the publishers within the week or the contract's down the tube. Could he cancel at this late stage? He wouldn't even suggest it if he wasn't at the end of his tether. He is totally shattered. Norman Spinrad has agreed to substitute at the last minute, would that be OK? If not, he'll come. He'll not be up to much, but he'll come. What do the committee think?

Well, the committee thought lots of things, like, tell him to get over here, we've spent a lot of time convincing people this will be the convention of the year. He'd better show! Or, what use is a half-hearted Ellison when we want the REAL Ellison.

What would you do?

We took a straw poll on the phone and the feeling was that it was pointless getting an ill, pre-occupied Harlan Ellison over to Glasgow. We wanted the real thing, not a pale imitation.

So, we are accepting Norman Spinrad's offer to substitute. We are sure you will understand why we have done this, and will make Norman Spinrad as welcome as Harlan would have been.

We are very upset about this but reckon Albacon 84 will still be a great convention, after all we designed it to impress Harlan. We are sure you will enjoy it.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Jewett, Chairman Albacon 84

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